GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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DISCONTINUATION OF AIR SERVICE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether air service on Delhi-Ranchi-Jamshedpur route have been stopped;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to restore air services on this route;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b): MDLR Airlines was operating scheduled flight on Delhi-Ranchi-Jamshedpur & VV route. However, air services on this route were stopped in Oct 2009 after suspension of operations by them across the network.

(c) to (e): Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieving better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including North-East region. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by Government.